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CROP REPORT FOR PAST YEAR

Cotton, Alfalfa Hay, Cotton Seed, Alfalfa Seed, Indian Corn and Cane Most Valuable Crops.

Project Manager L. E. Foster of the local Reclamation force, gives out the crop report for the calendar year 1919 for the entire Carlsbad project. It will be interesting to learn that there was irrigated last year probably the largest acreage in the history of the project, the grand total reaching 20,363 acres, and that the crop yielding the greatest amount of revenue per acre was not King Cotton, as might be commonly supposed, but sweet potatoes, with a value of \$288.38 per acre. Cotton comes second with \$144.96 per acre and peaches third, amounting into sixth place at \$61.15 per acre.

The highest total value of any one crop raised the past year was, of course, cotton, with a credit of \$1,262,902 for the entire output. There was raised 5,951 bales, weighing 590 pounds each. The smallest amount of cotton raised on any one acre in the project was a little over half a bale to the acre, and the largest amount was not quite three bales on an acre. The average yield per acre for the entire project was 290 pounds per acre. Cotton has been by far the leading crop here the past year and will be even greater this year, as the largest acreage in the history of this section is going to be planted to that staple. 8,713 acres was in cotton the past year.

Alfalfa easily comes the second largest crop cultivated on the project, with a total of 7,031 acres with a total value of \$429,974. The total revenue received from all crops amounted to almost two million dollars, which has had a great deal to do with the general prosperous condition of the valley for the past several months. For the past few years, the cowmen of this section have been in hard luck on account of lack of moisture and

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

The Tax Assessor of Eddy county will be at the following places for the purpose of assessing taxes on the dates hereafter mentioned, for the year.

Malaga, Monday, February 2.
Loving, Tuesday and Wednesday, 3rd and 4th.
Lakewood, Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th.
Dayton, Saturday, Feb. 7th.
Hope, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 10th and 11th.
Artesia, Thursday, Feb. 12th to Feb. 21st.

Failure to render your property for tax subjects the same to 25 per cent penalty.
ROY S. WALLER,
Assessor Eddy Co.

A meeting of Carlsbad Fire department held Jan. 14, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved:—That we donate the Liberty Bonds held by the department (about \$1,000.00) to the city to purchase the lot on the north of the present City Hall, any balance to be used toward erecting a new city hall and fire department." Surely a move in the right direction and one deserving great credit from our citizens generally.

V. H. Lusk is in town this week from his home on the ranch some miles out.

shortage of grass, but with the abundant rains which fell early enough last fall to make grass for this winter and with the season in the ground on account of rain and snow this winter, there is every prospect that there will be plenty of grass next spring and summer. This will enable the stockmen to again come into their own and contribute largely to the prosperity of the county. This, together with the fact that there will be an unusually large acreage planted under the project this year, makes the future outlook for this section of the country exceedingly bright.

The following is the tabulated crop report as furnished by the local reclamation office:

Crop	Acres	Unit	Total	Aver.	Max.	Min.
Alfalfa Hay	7,031	tons	21,306	3.03	6	.5
Alfalfa Seed	912	lbs.	123,041	135	400	25
Barley	66	bu.	1,396	21.15	22	20
Cane	379	tons	721	1.90	6	.4
Corn Fodder	429	tons	556	1.30	4	.2
Corn, Indian	541	bu.	11,797	21.80	45	10
Corn, Sorghum	279	ewt.	2,735	9.75	25	8
Cotton	8,713	lbs.	*2,525,805	290.09	1375	50
Cotton Seed	8,713	tons	2,399	.275	2610	150
Garden	34	tons	1,995	16.75	22	10
Oats	119	bu.	134.75	2542	8090	500
Pasture	1,080	Acres	13,590	1922	3009	509
Peaches	53	lbs.	181,620	8649	16,900	1,209
Pears	7	lbs.	5,727	19.02	33	8
Potatoes, Sweet	21	lbs.				
Wheat	301	bu.				
Total acres			28,678			
Less duplicated areas			5,925			
Total cropped			18,753			

Fall alfalfa seeding..... 388
Fall oats seeding..... 157
Irrigated without crop..... 1,065
Less duplicated areas..... 1,610
Total other purposes..... 1,610
Grand Total Irrigated..... 20,363
*5,051,500 pounds bales of cotton.

The following officers of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen were installed last Wednesday by the order: Foreman, W. W. Galton; Master of ceremonies, Frank Marble; Correspondent, Vera Carder; Master of accounts, Homer King; chaplain, Sylvia Watkins; Overseer, Milo McKibben; Lady Rebecca, Cora Marble; Lady Rowena, Ono Nichols.

Miss Nell Atkins, freight clerk at the local Santa Fe station, expects to leave tonight for a month's vacation which she will spend at Pasadena and Los Angeles, California.

The injunction asked for by the Public Utilities against the Carlsbad Light & Power Co. was denied. The case was heard at Roswell.

IN MEMORIAM.

Robert Elmon Tucker was born at Pleasanton, Texas, September 18, 1854. He was married to Miss Rosa Feller, at Fredericksburg, Texas, June 20, 1880. To this union were born three children: Mrs. Oscar Weaver, of Loving; Mrs. Walter Stone, of Angeles, and Charles Tucker of Carlsbad who, with his devoted wife are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband, father and companion. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker came to Carlsbad about thirty-three years ago, and with the exception of a short residence at Even Rivers, spent most of his life in Carlsbad and vicinity, the family living about a mile west of town on the canal for several years. Some years ago Mr. Tucker engaged in the mercantile business in Loving, which he afterwards disposed of to his son-in-law, Oscar Weaver.

Mrs. Tucker's health being much impaired, and the attitude pronounced too high for her, a change was decided necessary and on November 5th, they removed to San Antonio, Texas, and purchased a home, at 600 Porter street, where they were keeping house, when the accident occurred which caused Mr. Tucker's death.

The accident was not witnessed by any of the relatives, but from what can be learned, he was crossing the street in San Antonio, between two street cars, one going each way. It is supposed the noise of one drowned the noise of the other and in trying to avoid the one, he was struck by the other. He was struck in the back of the head and fell on his face. This was December 27th and he lived until January 4th, dying of concussion of the brain. Trained nurses were with him constantly and he had the attention of several fine specialist physicians, who bent every effort to save his life, but without success.

The funeral occurred January 5, conducted by Reverend Hines, pastor of the Lutheran church, the body being laid to rest at Mission Burial Park, San Antonio.

Loyal Citizen Lost
In the death of Mr. Tucker the

Value per unit	Total	per acre
of yield	\$ 429,974	\$ 61.15
	\$ 30,199	33.11
	2,420	56.66
	10,538	27.89
	8,746	20.38
	17,773	32.85
	7,528	27.00
	1,262,902	144.96
	167,930	19.27
	2,750	80.87
	1,111	9.33
	23,535	21.79
	585	83.57
	6,056	288.8
	10,501	34.88
Total and average	1,988,546	\$106.94

Acres	No. farms	Per cent of project
24,990.6	565	100
23,363	565	81
24,990.6	565	100
None		
18,753	565	75

county loses a citizen who was ever devoted to her interests; a man honest and upright in his dealings and a friend to the poor and lowly; a man who loved his fellowman. He was a member of the Board of County Commissioners, having been elected to that responsible position over a year ago. He intended coming back to tender his resignation this month.

While the deceased will be greatly missed in public life, it is in the home where the greatest vacancy will be felt. To the wife he was ever the devoted lover and husband, while his love for his children and grandchildren was a subject of remark by all who knew them. May the One who comforteth as one whom his mother comforteth bind up their bleeding hearts.

The deepest sympathy is manifested by the many friends of the family, the Current staff joining.

W. O. W. INSTALL OFFICERS.

The annual installation of the local lodge W. O. W. was held at the hall last night with a good attendance and an unusually interesting time, with one candidate initiated into the mysteries of the order. A social hour with refreshments was a feature of the evening. Officers installed are as follows: Consul Commander, E. S. Kirkpatrick; Advisor, Lieutenant, Homer King; Banker, J. B. Leck; Watchman, James Kennedy; Sentry, David Geer; Manager, D. Jackson.

Arthur Crozier and wife and young Arthur came in Wednesday night from El Paso and will dispose of their household effects here before taking up a permanent residence in the Pass City where their children are in school.

L. R. Adams, a cousin of M. R. Smith, of Newark, New Jersey, arrived in the city this week and has already taken a position with the Public Utilities company, and expects to become a resident here.

Mrs. W. W. Simpson is undergoing an operation at Eddy County hospital today.

MRS. JENKINS OF MEXICO FAME TELLS OF HUSBAND'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCES.

A Most Interesting Communication Gives Inside Information To Famous "Jenkins" Affair.

The following letter will be read with great interest by all who know anything of the recent "Jenkins" affair which seemed likely to be because of intervention in Mexico. The letter was written to Mrs. Burns, a sister of Mrs. W. J. Burns, of Carlsbad, and a friend of long standing of Mrs. Jenkins, and is furnished us for publication by Mrs. Barber. The personal touches given make the misadventure most interesting:

Pueblo, Mexico, Monday, Dec. 8. Dearest Mrs. Burns:—
I have thought of you so much and so often since your good letter of sympathy came, but have found it almost impossible to find time to write.

We have had so much company and while Oscar was in the penitentiary, I spent all my time in the office trying to find needs together. And I went to see him once or twice a day and he was there sixteen days!

I know it seems strange, but he refused bail, as he didn't care to compromise with these Pueblo authorities and bring them to show down at one time; otherwise they would have worried the very life out of him for the next six months. You know Mexican courts and we thought we did too, but we never dreamed how false and how horrible they really are, at least this one here.

The Pueblo authorities were determined from the first to get out of the responsibility of allowing such a thing to happen in their town, and started this persecution from the very first—Jae witnesses, false everything, and even you can't imagine the low ways and means they have used to carry out their diabolical scheme.

Kidnapped and robbed, a week of uncertain anxiety with the rebels, brought home half dead, in the hospital, had to pay his own ransom, then persecuted and thrown in prison—can you imagine more?

It has been hard to endure the insults and indignities, and the decent people of town are wild, both native and foreign. We are now learning things of these local authorities that the Mexicans have known all the time, and we are ready to leave. We came back in August with the idea of winding up, and the mills were actually sold, for delivery some time next year, although we did love Mexico. As far as I am concerned, however, I'll never be happy here again!

We are wondering how it will all come out, and we don't want to be the cause of intervention, either directly or indirectly. We are so tired and sick of it all and long for peace of mind once more. Oscar is out on a false bail, that they constructed, which he immediately cancelled and we haven't heard from them since, but they are still on the job.

Elizabeth has suffered too— isn't life a strange thing, after all? We did appreciate your help during those darkest days of anxiety, and we appreciate your letter too; wish I could see you. With much love for you and the children.

MARY S. JENKINS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION A. F. & A. M.

Eddy Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., held a special communication Thursday evening to do honor to Most Worshipful Grand Master Alex. D. Goldenberg who visited the lodge officially. Many matters of interest concerning the government of the Masonic fraternity in New Mexico were presented by the Grand Master and the meeting proved profitable and enjoyable to those in attendance.

Grand Master Goldenberg's term of office will expire next month when the Grand Lodge of the state will hold its annual communication in Albuquerque beginning January 16.

At the close of the lodge, the members repaired to the club room where an informal banquet was served in honor of the distinguished visitor. Chicken salad, assorted sandwiches, ice cream and coffee furnished the evening's menu.

The Masonic fraternity has made rapid growth in the past year, notwithstanding the fact that the institution does not solicit members. The total membership of the state is nearing the 5,000 mark and it is expected that by the close of the current year, that number will be largely exceeded.

Mrs. Sut Bitting Hicks, of Fort Worth, is visiting old friends in Carlsbad where she lived for many years before her marriage. A pleasant little party of her most intimate friends was given at the Geo. M. Cooke home Tuesday afternoon. Eight ladies were present and spent the afternoon at bridge while renewing their friendship for Mrs. Hicks.

Mrs. Wals, Miss Wals and Mrs. Hicks were complimented by being the honor guests at a tea given by Mrs. F. F. Doepf last Saturday afternoon. A very pleasant and informal affair is reported.

ANNUAL MEETING COMMERCIAL CLUB

Club Hears Report of Secretary, Elects Officers for Ensuing Year and Reviews Work of Past Year.

The annual meeting of the Carlsbad Commercial Club was held January 13, 1920, at 7:30 P. M., in the Commissioner's Room at the Court House, a very good attendance being present.

After listening to the report of the Secretary, W. F. McIlvaine, those present proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Among other things the Secretary stated that there were eighty-five members in good standing and that the total receipts for the year were \$2994.79 and the total expenses \$2396.66, leaving a cash balance of \$698.13. While this year has with the Commercial Club like all other lines of business, been an exceptional one owing to the war conditions, the Commercial Club has succeeded in accomplishing many good things. Over a year ago the Commercial Club guaranteed something over \$1375.00 for the Carlsbad-Lovington road and now the time has come when this money must be raised and paid over to the State in order that we get the Federal and State aid. It was stated that the committee is at work on the matter at this time and anticipated no trouble in getting the required amount to meet the guarantee.

The Publicity Committee got up a book or pamphlet telling the good qualities of our city, climatic conditions, altitude, etc., to be mailed out to parties making inquiry with a view to locating in our city. Several hundred of these books have been mailed to various parts of the United States and Canada since they were printed and the Secretary stated that he received inquiries nearly every day.

The furniture at the Club rooms has received a thorough cleaning and overhauling at an expense of \$72.50. The Red Cross received donations to the amount of \$62.09. The Boy Scouts were given assistance on their camping trip to the amount of \$102.00. The Boys and Girls Clubs also received their prizes last fall from the Carlsbad Commercial Club, which amounted to \$21.00. The Commercial Club has to date donated toward the establishment of the Highland Canal and Third Reservoir \$285.00; the Highland Canal and Reservoir being a matter of very great importance and the Club is co-operating with the Water Users' Association in every way possible and doing everything in its power to make this Highland Canal and Third Reservoir an assured fact.

It is the understanding that the Oak Trail will be established from Roswell, through Carlsbad via Van Horn to El Paso during the coming year. One of the most important accomplishments of the Commercial Club during the year was the establishment of an up-town office for the Western Union Telegraph company. This is a matter that has taken more than two years to bring about, but now it seems to be an assured fact and promises to take effect soon after February 1. There has been a great deal of time and correspondence spent on aeroplanes and while there are several different companies who would like to put Carlsbad on their route yet they seem to expect Carlsbad to put up several thousand dollars in advance and so far the Commercial Club has not seen their way clear to undertake the proposition.

The Secretary also stated that it had been impossible for many months back to heat the Commercial Club rooms, caused by a bursted boiler and that the boiler had been ordered many months ago and did not arrive in Carlsbad until the night of January 12th, but as the boiler was here now, it would be installed forthwith and the rooms would then be kept comfortable and pleasant as of old.

After some discussion of the street paving, it was unanimously voted that the Carlsbad Commercial Club go on record as favoring street paving and stand ready to back up the city council in their efforts along this line.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:

W. A. Craig, President.
G. V. Price, Vice-President.
Directors, A. N. Pratt, T. E. Williams, Clarence Bell, H. I. Braden, F. E. Hubert, R. M. Thorne, Harry McKim.

It was suggested by the new president that the Board of Directors be increased from nine to

DISTRICT COURT.

The adjourned October session of the district court for the fifth judicial district is still busy this week trying cases. The last of the criminal cases to be tried at this term were disposed of Wednesday and the court is devoting its time to the civil docket.

In the case of the state vs. John Murrah for perjury the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, the latter part of last week.

Last Friday the case of J. F. Rarey vs. director general of railroads, wherein plaintiff sued the railroad company for \$2800 damages to cattle while being shipped, was tried and Rarey allowed \$1850.00 damages. The case was tried before the following jury:

A. M. Heath, Claude Farris, R. J. V. Lapsley, A. L. Allinger, Nat Hiller, Phil Witherspoon, Lee R. Hanson, J. W. Marlar, G. L. McAdoo, E. Hendricks, N. L. Randolph. Will Smith was the twelfth juror in the early stages of the case, but was excused on account of sickness of relatives and the case was decided by eleven jurors.

Monday, Jan. 12th., the case of state vs. Noy Stiles and Elgin Douthitt was called. The charge was larceny and receiving and aiding in the concealment of stolen property, and was transferred here from Lea county, after being tried there and resulting in a hung jury. Defendants were accused of killing and selling a cow belonging to O. A. Crane, who has ranch interests on the plains, and altering brand to escape detention. The jury trying the case was composed of the following: R. J. V. Lapsley, Geo. Frederick, G. L. McAdoo, Phil Witherspoon, Tex Polk, R. M. Golley, J. Tom Cooper, Justus Beach, Claude Farris, Martin Yates, Jr., A. L. Allinger and E. H. Weaver. The trial of this case consumed two days and the jury retired to deliberate Tuesday night, bringing in a verdict next day of not guilty.

The petit jury was discharged for this term Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning the case of Branche Watson vs. J. F. Hunick and Ethel M. Hunick, which was a suit on contract, was called before the court and defendant was given leave to withdraw demurrer and allowed five days in which to answer.

The case of R. N. Stanfield, trustee, vs. Jay Ethel Small, et al., was next to come up. This is a tax title case and motion of defendant to quash summons was withdrawn and defendant was given three days in which to answer.

The naturalization of Emil Kaufman was next heard and his petition granted. He made a trip here from Tucuman, where he conducts a dry goods business especially for the purpose of becoming a citizen of the United States. Mr. Kaufman was born in Bessarabia, Germany, and emigrated to this country in 1910, from Bremen, Germany. Naturalization proceedings were instituted here in 1917. He left for his home Wednesday night.

The injunction case of Ed. Burleson vs. Jim Etcheberry was settled in favor of Burleson yesterday.

BRINTON A CANDIDATE.

At the last minute before going to press the Current was informed that Supt. Geo. M. Brinton has definitely decided to be a candidate for re-election.

His announcement will appear next week.

Dinner and Bridge for Visitors.

Mrs. D. Jackson was hostess last night to a very pleasant party, honoring Judge and Mrs. J. G. Osburn, of Roswell, and Judge Bratton, of Clovis. A five-course dinner was served, the menu being delightful and afterwards the guests indulged in cards until a late hour. The table was laid for the following: Judge and Mrs. J. G. Osburn, Judge Sam Bratton, Dr. and Mrs. William Glaser, Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Lang, Dr. and Mrs. Ervin, Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rawlins and Mrs. Marvin Livingston.

fifteen or twenty and in case of a business meeting of the directors five should constitute a quorum to transact business. It was thought that this was not practicable but after consideration, it is believed to have some merit as it would give every line of business a representation on the Board of Directors. This matter will probably come up for consideration at the next meeting of the directors.

After discussing various and sundry subjects of minor importance, both social and otherwise, the meeting adjourned.

F. G. Tracy, Vice-Pres. Annie L. Dalton, Secy.-Treas. Lewis E. Alexander, Secy.-Treas.

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